

Happening This Week

Friday, August 10

Church Safety Seminar: 6:00 p.m., Family Room.

Saturday, August 11

Community Gathering: 3:00 p.m., Room 208/209.

Sunday, August 12

9:00 a.m. Learning Communities

Children and Youth classes will resume on August 19.

Women's Ministry Fall Event: Sign-ups in the Atrium for the *Divine Desserts* event on Friday, September 14, 6:00 p.m.

Roundtables: 9:00 a.m., Family Room. Andy Fletcher will be teaching.

Worship Service: 10:15 a.m., Sanctuary.

Jaramillo Family Reception: The Deacons will host a reception for Gabriel, Kristy, Isaac and Elijah, in the Family Room following the worship service. We wish the Jaramillo family well as they move into their next adventure. Feel free to bring cards and notes of thanks.

Community Gathering: 3:00 p.m., location to be announced.

Monday, August 13

Operations Commission: 5:00 p.m., Room 204.

Tuesday, August 14

Old Guys Breakfast: 7:00 a.m., IHOP, 8065 N. Academy Blvd.

Children's and Student Ministries Meeting: 6:30 p.m., Boatright home.

Men's Desert Solitaire Book Study: 7:00 p.m., Cody Hanson's home, 7670 Conifer Dr.

Wednesday, August 15

Staff Meeting: 9:30 a.m.

Middle School Youth Group: 6:00 p.m., Room 208/209.

Children's and Youth Ministry

High School Kick-off: Sunday, August 26, 5:00–7:00 p.m., Cody and Kira Hanson's home, 7670 Conifer Dr.

Awana: The 2018-2019 Awana program begins September 5 and runs through April 24. Visit our [website](#) to register your children and to find out more about Covenant's Awana program.

Leaders Needed for Children's and Youth Ministries

Children's ministry is in need of teachers on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. Leaders are needed for either kindergarten through second grade or third through fifth grade. Contact [Sarah Boatright](#).

Leaders are also needed for our middle school ministry on Wednesday nights on Wednesdays from 6:00–7:30 p.m. Contact [Pastor Steve Nofel](#).

Community Gatherings

Join us for one of the Community Gatherings. Topics of discussion will be: stewardship, staffing needs, and the pastor nominating process. The first meeting is this Saturday, August 11, 3:00 p.m. in Room 208/209. Locations of meetings on Sunday, August 12, Saturday, August 18, and Sunday August 19, will be announced soon.

Congregational Meeting

The session has called a special meeting of the congregation on Sunday, August 19 after the worship service for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Mosaic Update

Join us on Sunday, August 19, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 204, as we set out into a new season of Mosaic. Together, we will decide about ways to move forward while bringing closure to what we've done previously. We look forward to seeing you. Note that classes will be available for children and youth.

Church Safety Seminar

Philadelphia Ministries will be hosting a Church Safety Seminar on August 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Room. The Presenter is Officer Van Erhard, a retired San Diego Police Officer with over 30 years experience and numerous credentials. Anyone interested in learning how to help provide a more secure and safe worship experience in today's culture is invited to attend.



**RETURNING AUGUST 19
DURING THE WORSHIP SERVICE***
Children ages four and older
*No HOLY MOLY the first Sunday of the month.



Summer Office Hours

8:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Feel free to call Pastor Steve Nofel at 402.202.2381, if you need assistance outside of these hours.



Listen to past sermons on the podcast: covenant-preschurch.podbean.com. Note: there are no podcasts for the "Story of My Life" series.

Pray Now

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Beld Family: Father, Tony, is having surgery on August 10, and his daughter, Christa, is having surgery on August 24.

Charlie Clark: Recovering from successful back surgery. He hopes to go home soon.

Darlene Post: Pray for improvement in chronic condition.

Kay Stanley: Recovering from surgery and pneumonia.

Doug Moore: Recovering from a hamstring injury.

Chari Hicks: Recovering from a shoulder injury.

Cathy Gurganus: Please prayer for courage, strength, and resilience as she will be having yet another back surgery, August 20 in Denver, to revise her recent failed fusion in her back.

Steve Skiba: Undergoing cancer treatment.

Sidney Hough: Pray for her father, Darwin's health, and for Sid as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

Sandy McClure: Pray for her niece, Pam, who has bone cancer, and is in pain and receiving chemotherapy.

Julia Arndt: Pray for protection, strength, and guidance.

Don and Judi Shive: Continue to pray for their grandson, Adrian, who is being treated for two forms of leukemia.

Pray for those who are grieving the passing of loved ones.

Pray for those caring for family members.

Pray for those evacuated due to fires, for those who have lost their homes, and for the firefighters and first responders.

Praise Now

Praise God for new members Tony and Cathleen Beld, and Eliot and Julie Smith, and their beautiful families.

Praise God for the all the hard and prayerful work of the Standing Nominating Committee.

Praise God for our church's continuing staffing discernment.

Praise God and Pray for Kostroma ministries.

Praise God for Gabriel, Kristy, Isaac, and Elijah Jaramillo.

Giving

August 5 \$9,918.75 **Weekly Need:** \$10,242.00

For your convenience, you may [donate online](#).

Update on the Kostroma, Russia Mission Trip

Only two weeks before we head out to Kostroma, Russia. A huge shout-out for the donations that have come in for the team! Thank you so much for your generosity.

We are in dire need of more games such as Q-bits, Set, Uno Plus, Blokus. The rules and strategies easily moves beyond any language barrier and we will use these games to interact with the graduates throughout the week. We also need financial gifts so we can fill the backpacks we will give to the graduates on our last night with them. For \$25.00, we can fill one backpack for one graduate, with: one bowl, one plate, one cup, one pan, one fork, one knife, one spoon, and some school supplies. For \$15.00 we can provide a graduate with bus fare for one month, creating an opportunity for them to return to the Ministry Center for care and support which will be essential to their success.

Thank you again for your support of our teams and the Russia ministry. You may drop off supplies in the Atrium on August 12 and August 19. Please place financial donations in the offering. Checks can be made out to Covenant Presbyterian Church with "Kostroma" on the memo line.

Did you know...

that you can drop off food donations for Mercy's Gate in the wooden bins outside of the Family Room and kitchen? And, if you are in need of assistance with food, you are free to take food from the bin. If you are in need of other assistance, please call the church office, 719.598.0800, and ask for a deacon to contact you.

kidpower[®]
skills for lifelong safety and confidence

Covenant is hosting a Kidpower workshop on November 10 and November 17. Kidpower's mission is to teach young people personal safety and confidence-building skills to reduce their risk of abduction; assault; emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. Their programs are known worldwide for being positive, practical, safe, and age-appropriate.

Find out more and register [online](#) today.

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